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THANKS-GIVING SERMON

BY REV. M. H. ROSS.

Thanksgiving services were held in John Wesley church, on Connecticut avenue at 11 o'clock, when Rev. M. H. Ross, the pastor, preached, taking his text from 50th Psalms, 14th verse: "Offer unto God thanksgiving;" the speaker said:

The spirit of this Psalm is the spirit of thanksgiving, of gratitude, of cheerful happiness and manifest joy. It is a day in which all the ills of life, if not forgotten, should be thrown into the back ground, and the goodness of God and our manifold blessings and enjoyments should be the prominent subjects of thought and meditation; and it is well that there is one occasion expressly set apart and appropriate to this end. Life, we know, is crowded with cares; troubles hang over every step; misfortunes and disappointments enter largely into the general lot. How many are cast down by this state of things, dejected and desponding because their way is hedged up with obstacles, and hope never sheds its glad radiance on their path! But even to such life is not all sorrow, its course is not all darkness. The clouds do sometimes break away revealing the clear blue sky, and then the cheering sunlight falls brightly through and is no less exhilarating because it may again and soon be shut from their view by intercepting clouds or shadows.

1st. Thanksgiving is always an appropriate duty, and whoever will look abroad over society at large and see how many are the sources of enjoyment which a kind Creator has opened for his people, and how much enjoyment is actually realized by the human family in the abundant production which has crowned the labors of the husbandman, whose fields have brought forth plenteous harvests, whose stores and barns have been filled with the fruits of plenty, must be convinced that thanksgiving is always an appropriate duty. Yes, and even the troubles and cares which I have said enter so largely into human conditions, may also in the effect they produce, afford reasons for gratitude and joy. It is by them that the powers of our nature are developed and strengthened; they bring into exercise those energies on which our true welfare so much depends; they prepare us for future trials with increased fortitude, and to combat successfully circumstances of discouragements and perplexity, which but for our past experience might have caused us to despair; and not only this—when do we feel so happy as when we are victorious over disheartened events or contingencies, when through the energy which the occasion has called into exercise, we have made that contribute to our success, which at first threatened only disaster and ruin. Oh, how many there are who, if they viewed life aright, would thank God for the trials which he has called them to endure! The Psalmist in view of God's goodness, says: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever;" and in the fifty third Psalm, says, "O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion." Israel was a highly favored nation, and was for many years the only depository of those holy scriptures which were able to make men wise unto salvation. They were a peculiar people, chosen of God to bear his name, sustain his institutions, maintain his worship, and give birth to one who should be a light to the Gentiles and the glory of his people Israel. This nation was the focal point for the light and life of the world, and the impassioned exclamation of the Psalmist was not prompted merely by a patriotic love for his country, but by a benevolent desire for the glory of God. In the salvation of the world He desired the salvation of Israel, not only for Israel's sake, but because the redemption of the human family from the thraldom of sin depended upon an influence which must go out from the people. Since the Psalmist uttered the words which I have quoted, the Messiah has come into the world; Israel, for their iniquities, has been deprived of their national existence; the new testament church has been set up, and a nation has risen in this new world almost as peculiar in its ancestry, its institutions, its character, privileges, and the influence which it is destined to exert, as Israel itself was.

2. We should be thankful to God for the prosperity that has crowned this nation and blessed our land with abundance. If there ever was a nation that should be thankful to God for its parentage, it is the one to which we belong. The fathers of this country to whom we are indebted for our national character and our national institutions, were men who left their homes for the sake of religion. Like the patriarchs, they were taught the evil nature of civil and religious despotism by living in the midst of them, and seeing and feeling the evils which were inseparably connected with them. The discipline which formed the characters of these men, commenced and went forward under the influence of causes which a beneficent God, was from time to time putting into operation in the world, for an era of light and liberty based upon the sure foundation of an uncorrupted Christianity; nor was this discipline lost, but it was instrumental in the hand of God in preparing them to work out the problem, how a nation might maintain the authority of its government, while all its citizens were equal, and how it could sustain its religious institutions while every man was left free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience; and to-day we who once were bound under the oppression of slavery can unite in songs of thanksgiving to God that we can worship Him according to the dictates of our conscience. Our government is founded upon the principle that all men are free and equal, and are endowed by their Creator with the inalienable rights of freemen, and that governments are instituted, not to confer privileges to individuals, but to secure to them these rights, and to see that they are protected in the enjoyment of these rights, whether political, social or religious. Our churches are associations organized according to what each believes to be the model furnished in the Scriptures. Our churches are supplied with the word and ordinances of God, not by a priestly caste. We recognize the Bible as the word of God, and make provision in our organic law for the observance of the Sabbath, but leave all men free to worship God according tothe dictates of their conscience. While we render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, we render unto God the things which are God's.

We have great reason to offer unto God thanksgiving, for not only our religious and political privileges, but for our educational privileges and institutions of learning which are the result of the labors of some of our noblest men, who were moved by that spirit of inspiration and piety which burned in the bosoms of those noble-hearted men who went forth advocating the cause of humanity, and battled against oppression. They lived to see the result of their labors, and are now slumbering in their graves. How important then, not only to ourselves and our children, but to the world at large, is the salvation of our country from slavery, ignorance and that false religion which was paralyzing the public conscience, and those outward evil practices which were poisoning the whole nation with that diabolical system of slavery.

But we rejoice to-day that the wicked system has been forever abolished from our land, and we can enjoy the pure sunlight of liberty and religion. And as we look abroad in this land of liberty we should feel more fully to realize the position we occupy among the nations, and the responsibility that position imposes. Upon the whole we need an atmosphere of religious thought and feeling pervading the whole nation. We need a national religion not produced by human creeds or sectarian principles, with rites to punish non-conformists, but a religion which is wrought deep down in the heart of the masses, and the millions by individual regeneration, which as it extends will become national and will bind the hearts of our citizens to God, and to one another with the golden chain of a disinterested affection which will do away with caste; such a religion is what we need as a nation, and what we must have to make us the honored instruments in the hands of God in the elevation of our race, and fitting them for future usefulness to occupy such positions of trust which they may be called to fill. But the thanksgiving of this nation like the salvation of Israel of old, must come out of Zion. How great, then, is the responsibility of the people of God in this highly favored land; how high and how holy should be the motives which urge them to action. The salvation of a nation stands connected in the providence of God with the redemption of the world.

NOTES TO GIRLS

NO. 4.

BY "JOYCE."

"They are the lovely, they in whom unite
Youth's fleeting charms with virtue's lovely light."

The world is rapidly growing wise. Though we delight in beauty of person, as in a lovely picture; beauty of soul is becoming our beacon. Around one possesses this attraction gather men of sense and worthy, while the parlors of simpering girls hold fashionable fops and uncouth characters. "Indeed, the room is sometimes so crowded we can't find seats for all;" such damsels are heard to remark to each other with charming simplicity.

To meet people of mental attainments and to converse creditably with them, you must—besides a fund of knowledge—possess self confidence, self respect, and modesty. I have heard young folks spoken of as being very modest, who were only impressed with a sense of their own awkwardness and were, consequently, restrained and shamefaced. Those same persons sometimes soon after develope alarming symptons of boldness and recklessness. Often a similar mistake is made in a reversed case.

There is much difference between modesty and bashfulness. One can have respect for one's own self, and confidence in one's own abilities; and still retain the modesty that scorns to flaunt its own accomplishments, and that despises all exhibitions of low and vulgar character. Bashfulness consists in being nervous, weak, uncontrolled, anxious and altogether miserable. The former attribute is as sincerely to be desired, as the latter is to be abhorred.

Your own native good sense should aid in teaching you how to demean yourselves in receiving your friends. Remember there is as much art in acting the good listener, by drawing out others, as in unburdening your own mind. When you do talk, let it not be with the boisterous tone and laugh which inform the family across the way that you have company; and do not commit that gross impoliteness of interrupting another's speech. Remember that gossip indicates an ignorant mind. If you interest yourselves in what should engage your attention, you will find enough to talk about in men and things, without descanting on the faults and foibles of your neighbors. Exhibit, however, no pet expressions to prove your knowledge of literature. They might unpleasantly remind a listener of Dicken's, Mrs. Blimbers who constantly reiterated the desire to have seen Cicero in his retirement. He who talks most does not talk best. When you are regaling a dozen people with a choice bit of scandal, or expatiating on some airy nothing, do you reflect that though the tale may be pleasant to you, because it is of your own telling, it may be different with others?

If boys and girls were to grow up together in friendly companionship, there would be more ease and grace and sincerity in their bearings toward each other; and the absurdity of "turning-out" would not exist. Do not think there is a certain set of people in the world of fashion with whom you must keep on terms of intimacy. Move with none but the pure and good. Have no friendships but those that will improve you. Learn to care for that which will form for you a world in your own mind, which can brighten solitude and render seclusion cheerful.

"I have within myself
All that my heart desires; the ideal beauty
Which the creation faculty of mind
Fashions and follows in a thousand shapes
More lovely than the real. My own thoughts
Are my companions; my designs and labors
And aspirations are my only friends."

This is a beautiful thought of the poets, with the exception that he excludes *all* companionship and friendship.

It is well to meet and converse with people, at proper intervals. Going out is pleasant, for this reason, and for the additional one that it is an exercise conducive to health. Fine places of social recreation are the picnic and croquet grounds. There one can enjoy the fragrance of a delicious evening, and chat and be gay without the staid stiffness that characterizes some drawing-rooms.

Act naturally, with no petty airs and affections of manner. These superficial graces, like soapsuds, often cover unclean depths.

"O, what a glory doth this world put on
For him who with a fervent heart, goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed, and days well spent."

The Advantages of an Educated Ministry.

BY REV. J. W. STEVENSON.

From time immemorial intellectual endowments have been crowded with bays of honor. In all times and nations intellect has been the idol god of the human race. Men have worshiped at its shrine with an Eastern idolatry.

Men of great intellect have been regarded as demigods; the multitude have looked upon them with awe-struck wonder, an impression has been felt as of the presence of a grand and solemn agent of spiritual majesty and power. With cheerful and reverent hands the world has crowned intellect with its richest honors.

Its pathway has been strewn with flowers; its brow has worn its loftiest plume; it has set upon the proudest throne; it has held the mightiest scepter of power. This general universal adoration of intellect is proof at once, both of its transcendent worth and power.

But evidences mightier than these, are standing thick as stars in night's diadem all through the universe, proclaiming the worth and power of that which produces thought, and adopts ends to means. By intellect divine came the earth, rolling her vast circuit among the numberless hosts of family of worlds, with all its rich and gorgeous furniture.

By intellect came the glory flashing, magnificence of heaven, its blazing suns lit beyond suns, that roam and shine through the measureless spaces of immensity; by intellect came the secondary creations that mark with chiseled lines of thought and skill the career of man; the cultivated fields, the vine-clad hills, the mill-strewn vales, the love-lit homes, the village-decken plains, the city-girt continents, the steamer covered streams, the wire woven and iron-bound lands, and sail-reefed oceans.

By intellect came all the stirring sublime, mystery-woven realities of the universe: truly knowledge is power. It is our sole dependence to plan, design, direct, determine, and decide in, and upon, all questions, actions, matters and things that concern us as living and accountable beings. In all things intellect is our guide. Its decisions is our law; its voice is our teacher; its authority is the supreme judgment to which we must bow. It is our cloud by day, and our pillar of fire by night. It was this that gave the Apostle Paul the advantage of, and enabled him to compete with the learned Jews and Rabbi's of his day, in explaining the Scriptures and preaching Christ. Its was this that caused Festus to say "much learning doth make thee man." It was this power of intellect that compelled Agrippa to say "thou almost persuadest me to be Christian." The Apostle, knowing the power and advantage of education, exhorts Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. "Be thou," says Paul "an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity."

Intellectual study and reflection must define before us the God whom we worship, and the Saviour in whom we trust and the law of rectitude to which we submit. Intelligence is the means of purity and usefulness. A wise man will hear and increase in learning.

If thou criest after knowledge and liftest up the voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hidden treasures, then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of God. The cultivated mind gives the minister of the gospel the advantage in understanding the things of God. Hence Paul was called the Apostle of the Gentiles. Education gives the gospel minister the advantage in the translation, interpretation, and seeming contradictions of the Bibl; it enables him to answer many hard questions propounded to him by infidels, skeptics, and unbelievers of the truth. Unless our understanding is enlightened by education, and the intellect properly cultivated, we can never teach the thirsty sinners the way to the foundation of life, nor guide those who are blind-folded by the god of this world to that Saviour who alone can open the eyes of the blind, nor lead the sinner to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.

And this power every gospel minister must have for himself, to give him power over the ignorant and make him equal to the wise. It is the law of Providence designed to create and discipline human virtue that each generation of men shall gather its own intellectual treasures. Yes, it is a law of providence that as each flower for itself must absorb the dew, and each bird for itself build its own nest, so

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 18, 1880.

Gen. Grant is always welcome here.

Thanks to Senator Bruce for the Congressional Record.

The matter of House Servants will embrace our attention next.

The Civil Service Reform Association has spread its circulars broadcast.

Sorry we cannot now change our name to suit *The Indianapolis Leader's* idea. Some day we may. For four years it has served us quite well. How does the *Leader* like this: "*The Washington Leader*?"

The ADVOCATE wishes to know if there are only three colored "boys in blue" in this city, and if there are, why so.

The *Elevator* says no effort was made to bring out the colored vote in California in the recent election. Had it been done, the result would have been otherwise.

The letter from Lynchburg by a young gentleman well known in social circles here, and "Joyce's" contribution will prove worthy of perusal by all our readers. For the benefit of *quid nuncs* we will state that "Joyce" is a school marm and one of the "F. F. V's." Her example is worthy of emulation and imitation.

We have just seen the seventh number of *The Georgia Baptist*, a large seven column folio, of excellent typographical appearance. Rev. W. J. White is General Manager. Its subscription price is $1.50 per annum. If it keeps on as it begins, it will soon not only be the recognized leading colored Baptist journal, but will dispute with the *Christian Recorder*, the honor of being the leading religious paper in our country.

WHY COLORED MEN SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO OFFICE.

There seems to be a failure to comprehend why the recognition of colored men by appointment to high office, is demanded in the interest of the progress of the race. Some say it is drawing the color line, others that appointment to a position in the Cabinet of General Garfield is the measure of recognition due as a race. Others, like *The Rumor*, contend substantially that nothing is to be gained by holding office, the craze for it is our bane, etc.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that "holding office" as an *end* is certainly not a commendable aim; no fair-minded person would for a moment attempt to place those who contend for official recognition in that unfavorable light. But office-holding as a *means* is a powerful instrumentality in this country toward enforcing respect and commanding influence, and certainly should not be despised by a people, who, struggling for standing room, should avail themselves of *every* element of power within their grasp.

The Republican party certainly will increase its moral power by carrying out in its practices the theories of government, the advocacy of which has continued it in power these twenty years, and given it a new lease of life in the election of General Garfield. Every fair-minded man who has watched the political struggles of the last few years will admit that the fear that the "solid South" would reopen questions settled by the recent constitutional amendments contributed more largely than any other single cause to the defeat of General Hancock and the Bourbon Democracy. The "solid South" proposed to accomplish this result by practically ignoring the votes and claims to the elective franchise of the black man, though she was perfectly willing to gain the additional representation which his numbers gave. The South insisted that the American Negro being an inferior and alien race, was not adapted to the exercise of the privileges and immunities of citizenship. The Republican party practically traversed this issue and, upon appealing to the country, won its case.

The question is, Will the party now turn its back upon its sentiments as expressed in its platform and on the stump, and gain a greater reputation for duplicity and demagogism than that of its political opponent for stupidity and corruption? This is the practical question which will be settled by recognizing on *common* grounds the claims of colored men for promotion to meritorious and trustworthy appointments in the civil service. If the Party fails to show its fidelity to its principles by continuing to annex the word *white* to every condition for high appointments, then the Bourbon Democracy can laugh our high-sounding professions to scorn; but if, on the other hand the native and acquired qualifications of colored men are recognized in the line of promotion, as a general custom, and there are *more* exceptional postmasters, collectors of the internal revenue and of the port, special agents, postal inspectors than necessary to prove the rule which now obtains, the "solid South" and its Northern allies will be compelled to give their political opponents at least credit for sincerity and honesty of purpose.

But there is another and equally strong reason why the coming Administration should not fail to especially recognize its "black allies," as General Garfield eloquently terms them. Their fidelity to Republican principles against so many personal considerations, through so many campaigns has challenged the admiration of the world. It is not needed to tell how men have braved starvation rather than desert the party of loyalty, of universal freedom, and of human progress; how bribes were spurned; how imprisonment was braved rather than betray a trust, for this is a part of the political history of the republican party and of the country.

As yet, for the black man, there is no place in the counting rooms of merchants, banking houses, or in the warerooms of manufacturers, where he can get that practical education which brings him in close relationship with the commercial circles of the country.

Let the Republican Party quicken public sentiment by recognizing talent and ability in colored men wherever found, and thereby make recompense for our non-repretentation in business houses. Such a policy will have a double beneficial effect. The commercial world will gradually break down its barriers of caste, and the training and experience gained in the civil service will serve to prepare us for success in business.

This is the best possible argument in behalf of the recoguition of the claims of colored men for preferment in the civil service. It will be seen that we do not contend for the appointment of any one particular man, however deserving, to any one position however exhalted, as the particulac recoguition it is the duty of the next Administration to give; but it is broader in its application and deeper in its significance than any mere personal success. At the same time the principle which prefers and promotes capable colored men in our civil service will not be strained should any reach the Cabinet.

PERSONAL.

O. Hunter, jr., of the "Journal of Industry," is in town, stopping at the Philadelphia House.

George D. Richardson has been appointed Washington Correspondent of the Cleveland, Ohio, "Sunday Voice."

Norman V. Bachus, of the Railway Mail Service, is in the city. He has been on duty in Indiana and Ohio. His many Richmond, Va. friends will be glad to see him.

Rev. L. H. Halsey and Rev. C. W. Fitzhugh, of the C. M. E. church have been designated to represent their church in the Methodist Ecumenical Council to meet in London next year.

Dr. R. A. Green, formerly editor of the "Virginia Star," now located at Vicksburg, Miss., passed through our city this week, en route to Philadelphia on business for the people of his city. He reports a better feeling as existing between the races and a better prospect for the future.

Rev. C. H. Thompson is pronounced one of the ablest Biblical scholars in the colored pulpit. Several years ago he was examiner in Hebrew in the New Jersey Presbytery. Afterwards he was President of Alcorn University. Some years ago he created quite a sensation by declaring that Methodism degrades the Negro.

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each one of God's ministers must individually, and earnestly seek for wisdom as for hidden treasures.

The day has come in the history of Church of Christ among all denominationss all over this broad land, that she now demands and will have an educated ministry.

The members of our churches and the congregations to whom we preach in these days are composed of children from day schools and young men and young women attending and graduated from high schools, seminaries, and colleges.

The introduction of Berean Bible Lessons into our Sabbath Schools for the instruction of the children demands that the minister who undertakes to teach and instruct them in the truthfulness of the Bible that they may through its teachings and instructions be brought to Christ. must be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

When wisdom entereth into the heart. discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee. Happy is the man that findeth wisdem. All things thou canst desire are not to be compared to her.

This is Heaven's eulogy on wisdom.

The January Atlantic begins a new volume with a number of great and varied excellence. The first chapters of Miss Phelp's serial story, "Friends: A Duett," are so vigorous and interesting that her readers will be impatient for the next installment. Mr. Aldrich contributes a most entertaining paper on "Smith," which will have a peculiar interest, for a host of readers Henry James' "Portrait of a Lady" needs no commendation to the multitude who follow his stories with an admiration which few living novelists command. John Fiske has an article on "Sociology and Hero-Worship," which takes exceptions very strongly and convincingly to the article by William James recently published in The Atlantic. Miss Harriet W. Preston contributes a delightful literary-historical essay on "A Symposium of Sixty Years Ago." William M. Rossetti begins his series of articles on "The Wives of Poets," with glimpses of the wives of Eurip des, Lucretius, Dante, Alfieri, Cervantes, Lope de Vega, and Corneille. Richard Grant White's paper on "Sara Bernhardt" will attract marked attention just now. Mr. Whittier's tender poem in memory of Lydia Maria Child is one of the noblest and most charming poems Mr. Whittier has ever written. Mr. Stedman has a fine poem on "Ye Tombe of ye Poet Chaucer." Other poems, essays, stories, and an unusually varied "Contributor's Club" complete a superb number of this magazine. Now is the time to subscribe for it. $4.00 per year.
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Alexander The Great

wept because there were no more worlds to conquer, but the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines who have found it necessary to establish a branch of the World's Dispensary at London, England, in order to supply from that great commercial emporium these remedial blessings to foreign countries, where they are largely in demand, do not share the great conqueror's sentiments, as their conquests are of disease and have made happy not only the conqueror but the people who employ them. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures all blood and skin diseases, scrofulous affections, swellings and internal soreness. Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the little giant cathartic; Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—woman's tonic and nervine—Dr. Pierce's Extract of Smart-Weed, the great remedy for colds and all bowel affections as diarrhoea, dysentery and flux. World's Dispensary Medical Association, proprietors, Buffalo and London.

Our Lynchburg Letter.

Editor of Advocate:

After an absence of more than three years in Washington, your correspondent finds himself again at home, in the midst of pleasant and social relations, and honored and trusty friends. If John Lynch who founded this now attractive city on the south side of the James river, could visit it in the flesh he would view with amazement the changed condition of affairs. What was in his latter days a scattered village is now a compactly built city which, with its suburban villagers, numbers 25,000 population, and the increase in the last few years has been much more rapid than at any other period of its history. The four principal squares of Main Street have been paved with Begian blocks at a cost of $15,000, whilst a company of home capitalists have built a street railway including equipment at cost a $25,000, which for the present extends from the corner of Main and Twelfth sts. to the Fair Grounds, a distance of two miles, but which is to be extended at the earliest practical moment to girdle the city. Mr. Gordon an enterprising Pittsburg, Pa. contractor, has leased the road for a term of five years, agreeing to pay the stockholders five per cent annually on the capital stock and depositing $2,000 as a forfeit in event of a nonfulfillment of his contract.

Lynchburg richly deserves the prosperity which it enjoys, for its people have shown grit and liberality. Its subscriptions to the various rail roads and canal centering here aggregate $900,000, but by shrewd financial management its debt is only a little over a half million dollars, against which there is a considerable sinking fund, which is yearly growing. The credit of the city is excellent, its six per cent bonds, commanding a premium of three per cent, whilst a five per cent loan of $50,000 was recently placed on the market at par, with bidders for four times that amount. The taxes for the present year, State and city, aggregated $2.25 on the $100, seems a little steep, but there is $90,000 in the city treasury to pay for some necessary improvements. A lighter rate of of taxation is anticipated at an early day.

THE FACTORIES.

Tobacco is of course the chief source of business prosperty here, and some idea of the immensity of the trade is conveyed, when it is stated that during the past eleven or twelve months, there have been sold in the six warehouses of this city nearly 25,000,000 pounds in the leaf, an increase of several million pounds over the previous twelve months. These warehouses are now in private hands, the old system of State inspectors, whereby political hacks were frequently pensioned at the expense of the producer having been abandoned several years ago, greatly to the advantage of the producer as well as the owners of the warehouses. Our people (the colored) find profitable employment working in the Tobacco factories, and the most industrious of them make from $15 to $20 per week. In fact I do not think that I am exaggerating, when I say, that manufactured Tobacco owes its existance, to the industry of the colored people. Large numbers of them have accumulated enough money, by working in the factories, to buy there own property.

SCHOOLS.

The public schools under the management of Mr. E. C. Glass, superintendent, are in a highly prosperous condition. We have a splendid corps of teachers in our schools, four of them are colored and four white. Among the former two are graduates of the Howard University: viz, Miss Ottie Gladman and Miss Alice Kinkle. Miss Amelia Perry a graduate of Hampton and Miss Susan Merchant of the same school, are also engaged in this work. It is a source of great pleasure to the many friends of these ladies that they have given entire satisfaction to the school board of the city, for they (the board) speak flatteringly of their work. I had an occasion to act as teacher in place of one who had taken sick, and I was more than p with the system of teaching, the board had adopted.

In the matter of churches there are at least twenty, including a handsome one recently completed by the colored baptists at a cost of $85,000, and it is claimed to be the largest in the State.

POLITICS.

The political aspect of affairs in the State is now quiet, and the next election which is for State officers does not occur until next November. Whether it will be a triangular fight, I cannot at this time foretell. for the the Republicans are very much encouraged over the large vote they polled for Garfield. The fight will be principally between the re-adjusters and the funders and should the Republicans not place a candidate in the field, it is safe to predict that nearly all will vote the re-adjuster ticket and thus secure the defeat of the bourbons whose aristocratic tendencies unfit them for the suffrages of the people. In my next I will try and give some of the good results accomplished under re-adjuster government.

R. James Perry.

December 12, 1880.

G. U. O. of O. F.

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We will print the name and address of the P. S. of every lodge for one year for one dollar cash to be sent with the order.

S. C. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the S. C. M. was held at the office of the Grand Secretary in Philadelphia, on Monday Dec. 13, 1880. Present R. Faucet, W. H. C. Curtis and D. B. Bowser. The usual routine of business was gone through with and dispensations were granted as follows:

To P. G. M. Council No. 41 a warrant to open a P. G. M. C. at Salem Mass.

To Brilliant Star Lodge No. 1908, a dispensation to open Ebenezer Lodge at St. Croix West Indies.

To P. N. F. of Free Sons Lodge No. 1873 to open a Household of Ruth at Hartford Ky.

To P. N. F. of United Sons of Liberty Lodge No. 1946 to open a Household of Ruth at Houston Texas.

To P. N. F. Canton Lodge No. 1986 to open a Household at Canton Miss.

To P. N. F. of Russellville Lodge No. 1871 and Logan Lodge, to open a Household of Ruth at Russellville Ky,

the committee then adjourned.

Letter from the Secretary of the Endowment Bereau.

To the Lodges and Households of the G. U. O. of O. F. A., Greeting;

Brothers and Sister:—The A. M. C. of America by proposition adopted at Richmond Va., Oct. 9, 1880, authorized, empowered and charged the S. C. M. with the immediate organization of a Releif Fund Bereau and the supplimenting of such details as should be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of said law. In obedience thereto the S. C. M. at their quarterly meeting held in the city of Philadelphia November 8, 1880, created the Bureau of Endowment of the G. U. O. of O. F. A. and organized it by the election of the following named commissioners and officers:

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—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—The Baptist Sunday School Union of the District will meet in the Fifth Baptist church, (Rev. J. H. Brooks') Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Good music will be furnished by the several schools present.

—A very beautiful flag was presented to the "Washington Cadets' last Friday night by the ladies of the Shiloh Fair.

—CROWDED OUT.—Notices of Shiloh, Peter Ogden Lodge entertainment, Young People's Christian Association, Concert at the 15th Street Presbyterian Sunday school, and the Wednesday night meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Bethel.

—☞Persons intending to keep open house on New Year's Day will please send in their names by postal card or otherwise before Wednesday.

—Fourth Quarterly Review to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., at Bethlehem Baptist church, Hillsdale.

—A Lodge of the Independent Order of Immaculates has been organized here by the agent, Mr. Crawford. It meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Galilean Hall Pa. ave. It is officered as follows: Allen Ferris, R. S.; James Brown, V. M.; Henry Cox, N. M.; William Alexander, P. M.; John Smith A. P.; Robert Wilson, I. C.; Primus Bayley, O. C.; Mr. Oliver, C. S;; George Dixon, W. Z.; Mr. Mason, C. C. and Perry H. Carson, D. D. M.

—Miss Amelia Tilhman accompanied by Bellini D. Fleet appears in New York in a concert at Steinway Hall next Thursday night. The concert is given for the benefit of Bethel church Rev. T. McCants Stewart, pastor.

—Bishop Turner preached last Sunday morning at the Cosmopolitan church and Bishop Shorter at Union Bethel.

—The Choral Aid Society of St. Luke's P. E. Church, will give their first Parlor Entertainment at the residence Mr. Alexander Marshall's, 15th street between K and L streets, Thursday evening December 23, at 7;30 o'clock. The choir of the church, assisted by Miss Blanche Washington, of New York, will furnish the music, and Mrs. Lucretia Kelly will read. Admission 15 cents.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at Union Bethel church last Tuesday evening to hear the lecture by Dr. Stevenson on Courtship and Marriage. The Doctor held his audience more than an hour and a half. The lecture was very instructive, and and through the whole discourse he kept his audience roaring with laughter. Everybody went away well pleased after hearing our colored Talmage.

John Wesley.

Rev. M. H. Ross preached his sermon on amusements. He characterized as sinful many of the fashionable amusements of the day. They should not be indulged in but there must be a substitute for them. There is found a cause why so many youth are wayward, in the character of their home influences. Improve these by good books, music and pleasant conversation and the dens of iniquity and lives of misery it to which many are driven, will be avoided. The choir is rapidly improving. Mr. is conductor, Mrs. Katie Smith, organist.

—A large audience filled the 15th Street Presbyterian church last Sabbath to hear Rev. Grimke. He read Hebrews 7th for the morning lesson and after prayer, preached from 25th verse of the same chapter, "Wherefore, he is also able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

The sermon was divided as follows: 1st Christ and his saving ability, 2nd The merits of his saving ability, 3rd His official, power to save, 4th His official ability. His theme was Christ has power to save in every crime from the highest to the lowest. His subject was treated with that mature reasoning which is so characteristic of him. The awfullness of God's righteous judgment against sin of every kind, whatever shape, and his eternal banishment into utter darkness of those who commit it, was clearly presented his hearers, also the way to escape the terrors of hell. The contrast was so great it appeared as sunlight after a dark and terrible storm. The conclusion was that he is able to save all who come to God by him, for he ever liveth to make intercession for them who come to God by faith. To be convinced of the power and effect of the sermon, one must have heard it for himself.

The choir rendered choice music. The solo "Consider the Lilies," sung by Miss Washington was rendered with fine effect.

St. Luke's.

Rev. C. H. Thomdson rector of St. Phillip's P. E. church of New Orleans, La. officiated at St. Luke's last Sabbath morning The reverend gentleman is medium in stature of dark complexion somewhat resembling, in the pulpit, Rev. James A. Handy, and mental in cast suggesting Isaiah C. Wears. His morning discourse was on the duty of doing and giving according to our ability, which he enforced in a line of argument and apt illustration which carried conviction to all his hearers.

Co-operation.

The lecture by Prof. Storum at the Presbyterian church Thursday night on the above named subject was a masterly analysis of the topic and a forcible argument. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker on motion of Robert Purvis, Esq., who, in connection with S. G. Brown and Rev. Wm. Waring made brief speeches. After which the following committee was appointed to draft a plan for immediate organization: Messrs. L. H. Douglas, G. W. Renfro, William Waring, James Storum, T. J. Minton, George W. Cook, S. G. Brown, S. R. Watts, William Syphax. A. Russell, J. H. Meriwether, J. W. Cromwell, and Misses M. B. Briggs, A. P. Howard and S. L. Daffin. Mr. J. W. Cromwell presided.

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In testimony thereof the sub-committee of management of America have caused the Grand Master and Secretary to sign their names and affix the seal of the S. C. M. at Philadelphia this eight day of November, A. D. 1880. Redmon Faucet, G. M. and Daniel B. Bowser, G. S.

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